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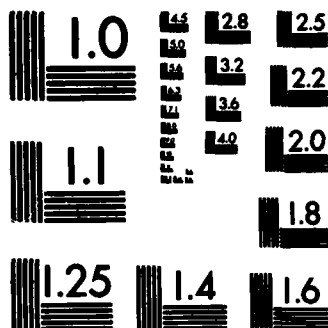
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perceived noise level, and limiting times for total daily exposure of personnel with and without standard Air Force ear protectors. Refer to Volume 1 of this handbook, "USAF Bioenvironmental Noise Data Handbook, Vol. 1: Organization, Content and Application," AMRL-TR-75-50(1) 1975, for discussion of the objective and design of the handbook, the types of data presented, measurement procedures, instrumentation, data processing, definitions of quantities, symbols, equations, applications, limitations, etc.

PREFACE

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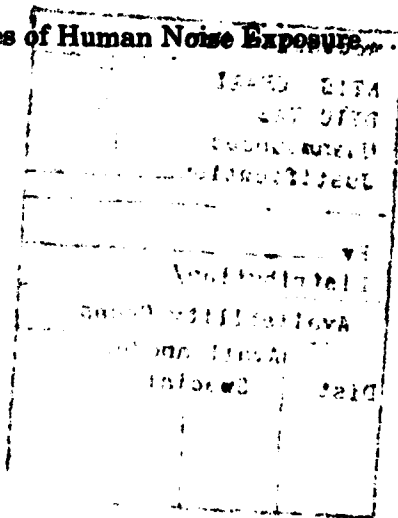


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INTRODUCTION

The C-12A is a military version of the Beechcraft Super King Air 200 and is used for operational support airlift. This aircraft is manufactured by the Beech Aircraft Corporation and is powered by two PT6A-38 turboprop engines each rated at 750 shp. The engines are manufactured by the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of Canada.

This volume provides measured and extrapolated data defining bioacoustic environments produced inside the aircraft. Such data are essential to evaluate ear protection requirements, limiting personnel exposure times, voice communication capabilities, and annoyance problems associated with operations of the C-12A aircraft.

This volume is one of a series published by the Air Force Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory (AFAMRL) under the same report number (AMRL-TR-75-50) as a multi-volume handbook that quantifies the noise environments produced at flight/ground crew locations and in surrounding communities by operations of Air Force aircraft and ground support equipment. The far-field, community-type, noise data in the handbook describe the noise produced during operations of aircraft, ground support equipment, and other ground-based equipment or facilities.

Volume 1 of this handbook discusses the objectives and design of the handbook, the types of data presented, measurement procedures, instrumentation, data processing, definition of quantities, symbols, equations, applications, limitations, etc. Refer to Volume 1 (reference 1) for such information because it is not repeated in other handbook volumes.

A cumulative index lists those aerospace systems contained in the handbook, and identifies the specific volumes containing each type of environmental noise data available (i.e., inflight/flight crew and passenger noise, near-field ground crew noise, far-field/community noise). Volume numbers are assigned sequentially as individual volumes are published.

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IN-FLIGHT NOISE

MEASUREMENTS

All noise measurements were made on-board a standard-configured C-12A aircraft during typical speed, altitude, and flight maneuver conditions. These levels describe the standard C-12A environments, but may not be representative of those levels encountered if the aircraft has been configured differently (e.g., major equipment or structural changes).

Acoustic measurements were made at various flight crew and passenger locations. Table 1 lists the measurement locations and test conditions as numeric/alphabetic designators which are used on the data pages. The designator 1/A means measurement location 1 and test condition A.

The microphone position was at ear level external to headgear in a region 0.2-0.3 meter from the head when an individual was present. At unoccupied locations, measurements were made at ear level throughout a volume where the head would normally be located. In both cases, the microphone was randomly moved throughout a spherical volume approximately 0.3 meter in diameter and the resultant samples analyzed using a 4- or 8- second integration time to obtain a power-averaged level, which effectively smooths out short-duration fluctuations and best describes the exposure.

Although the presence of a crew member or passenger at a measurement location affects the resultant sound field, the magnitude of such effects is generally small and not significant in determining exposure limits or voice communication capabilities. Consequently, no distinction is made in this report between occupied and unoccupied measurement locations.

RESULTS

The measured data presented in Table 2 define the sound pressure levels (SPL) produced inside the C-12A aircraft at the five specific locations. This table includes the overall, 1/3 octave band, and octave band levels. From these data, C-weighted and A-weighted sound levels, maximum permissible time for one exposure per day (AFR 161-35 with and without standard Air Force ear protectors, preferred speech interference level, and perceived noise level are calculated and presented in Table 3. These measures are widely used to assess the effects of noise on personnel and their performance.

TABLE 1
MEASUREMENT LOCATIONS AND TEST CONDITIONS

C-12A, Andrews AFB, 8 June 1982

LOCATION	POSITION	HEIGHT ABOVE DECK
1	Pilot/Copilot	Seated Head Level
2	First Row Seats, Centerline	Seated Head Level
3	Second Row Seats, Centerline	Seated Head Level
4	Third Row Seats, Centerline	Seated Head Level
5	Aft Aircraft Storage Area	Seated Head Level

CONDITION	DESCRIPTION
A	Engine Start, Both Engines Idle, Taxi
B	High Speed, Ground, Idle 900 RPM
C	Military Ground Runup 1800 RPM
D	Takeoff/Roll
E	Liftoff, Gear Up, Climb to 5000 ft., 2000 RPM
F	Climb thru 5000 ft., 1900 RPM
G	Climb thru 10000 ft.
H	Cruise 24000 ft. - 1900 RPM, 170 KIAS
I	Cruise 24000 ft. - 2000 RPM (High Speed)
J	Cruise 24000 ft. - 1900 RPM
K	Cruise 24000 ft. - 1800 RPM
L	Cruise 24000 ft. - 1700 RPM
M	Descending to 1500 ft. - 1900 RPM
N	Cruise 15000 ft. - 2000 RPM
O	Cruise 15000 ft. - 1900 RPM
P	Cruise 15000 ft. - 1800 RPM
Q	Cruise 15000 ft. - 1700 RPM
R	Cruise 8000 ft. - 2000 RPM
S	Cruise 8000 ft. - 1900 RPM
T	Cruise 8000 ft. - 1800 RPM
U	Cruise 8000 ft. - 1700 RPM
V	Approach 1500 ft. - 1700 RPM
W	Simulated Missed Approach
X	Approach 1500 ft. - 2000 RPM, Gear Down
Y	Landing Roll

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)													IDENTIFICATION:	
2													OMEGA 3.2	
C-13A													TEST BZ-082-001	
IN-FLIGHT CREW NOISE													RUN 01	
													15 JUL 82	
													PAGE F1	
LOCATION/CONDITION														
FREQ (HZ)	1/A	1/B	1/C	1/D	1/E	1/F	1/G	1/H	1/I	2/I	3/I	4/I	5/I	
25	97	99	98	90	84	82	76	79	80	77	70	71	79	
31.5	77	85	86	87	83	83	85	82	80	81	87	85	82	
40	72	80	79	85	83	82	82	82	83	81	88	84	83	
50	75	81	81	83	87	84	78	84	84	79	86	85	78	
63	82	86	85	85	90	85	85	82	82	85	81	84	81	
80	70	81	95	85	89	90	85	81	81	77	81	77	78	
100	69	77	103	102	107	105	100	96	94	94	95	91	96	
125	75	81	84	86	91	85	81	82	82	82	80	80	82	
160	82	87	89	83	88	85	83	81	82	81	80	79	79	
200	78	83	90	95	101	93	90	90	97	96	92	87	84	
250	73	84	90	85	88	90	85	84	84	83	80	77	77	
315	67	82	88	95	97	96	88	91	90	89	83	79	78	
400	66	81	91	89	89	89	85	91	92	86	81	77	77	
500	67	74	86	83	85	87	82	86	87	83	82	78	78	
630	67	72	84	77	81	83	78	86	86	82	81	79	77	
800	72	68	81	75	81	81	76	83	82	79	78	77	74	
1000	66	67	83	72	81	85	75	78	78	82	79	78	74	
1250	61	64	79	70	80	89	75	75	75	80	76	75	71	
1600	63	61	73	70	78	84	68	69	70	79	71	67	66	
2000	65	59	69	66	72	81	63	67	68	72	68	63	63	
2500	66	57	65	63	70	79	60	63	63	68	66	62	61	
3150	58	56	61	59	65	69	58	60	61	60	60	59	58	
4000	57	56	60	58	64	63	58	60	60	58	57	57	58	
5000	55	53	59	57	63	61	62	58	59	56	57	56	57	
6300	54	54	59	56	61	59	55	57	58	54	55	56	57	
8000	54	54	59	56	61	58	55	59	58	54	54	55	56	
10000	54	53	60	56	59	57	55	56	56	53	53	56	57	
OVERALL	97	100	105	104	109	106	101	101	101	100	99	95	98	

LEVEL CORRECTED TO REMOVE BACKGROUND/ELECTRONIC NOISE.

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)													IDENTIFICATION:	
2														
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: (OPERATION:													OMEGA 3.2	
C-12A													TEST 32-082-001	
IN-FLIGHT CREW NOISE													RUN 02	
													15 JUL 82	
													PAGE F2	

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TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)														
OCTAVE BAND														
2														
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: (OPERATION:)														
C-12A ()														
IN-FLIGHT CREW NOISE ()														
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()														
LOCATION/CONDITION														
1/A 1/B 1/C 1/D 1/E 1/F 1/G 1/H 1/I 2/I 3/I 4/I 5/I														
FREQ (HZ)														
31.5 97 99 88 93 88 87 86 86 84 91 88 86														
63 83 88 95 89 93 88 87 87 86 88 88 84														
125 83 88 103 102 107 105 96 94 95 95 92 96														
250 79 88 94 98 102 98 98 98 97 93 88 85														
500 71 82 92 90 91 87 93 93 89 86 83 82														
1000 73 71 86 77 85 90 84 84 85 83 82 78														
2000 69 64 74 72 78 86 69 72 73 80 74 69 69														
4000 61 60 65 63 68 70 64 64 65 63 63 62 62														
8000 59 58 64 61 65 63 60 62 62 58 59 60 61														
OVERALL 97 100 105 104 109 106 101 101 101 100 99 95 98														
IDENTIFICATION:														
OMEGA 3.2														
TEST 92-082-001														
RUN 01														
15 JUL 82														
PAGE J1														

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OCTAVE BAND													
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IDENTIFICATION:													
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C-12A													
IN-FLIGHT CREW NOISE													
OPERATION:													
OMEGA 3.2													
TEST BZ-082-001													
RUN 03													
15 JUL 82													
PAGE J3													
LOCATION/CONDITION													
1/R 2/R 3/R 4/R 5/R 1/S 1/T 1/U 1/W 1/X 1/Y													
FREQ (HZ)													
31.5	88	88	91	88	87	88	86	86	81	85	87	101	
63	92	89	89	91	87	92	99	98	88	89	91	97	
125	98	98	98	101	100	99	102	98	83	100	94	94	
250	100	95	95	91	93	100	95	90	83	94	94	91	
500	95	89	87	86	86	93	91	88	79	85	88	89	
1000	88	84	87	83	83	85	83	83	74	78	81	87	
2000	86	75	73	70	74	75	74	73	65	72	71	82	
4000	70	63	65	64	67	66	65	64	57	64	64	69	
8000	64	59	61	62	67	63	62	61	55	59	61	67	
OVERALL	103	101	101	102	101	103	104	101	91	101	99	103	

TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE													IDENTIFICATION:
3													OMEGA 3.2
													TEST BZ-082-001
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:													RUN 01
C-12A													
IN-FLIGHT CREW NOISE													15 JUL 82
													PAGE H1
LOCATION/CONDITION													
1/A	1/B	1/C	1/D	1/E	1/F	1/G	1/H	1/I	2/I	3/I	4/I	5/I	
HAZARD/PROTECTION													
C-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLC IN DB) AT EAR													
A-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLA IN DBA) AT EAR													
MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE TIME (T IN MINUTES) FOR ONE EXPOSURE PER DAY (AFR 161-35, JULY 73)													
NO PROTECTION													
OASLC	94	97	105	104	109	106	101	101	100	98	95	97	
OASLA	78	83	93	92	96	96	88	93	91	88	85	84	
T	960	571	101	120	60	60	240	101	143	240	404	480	
H-157 IN-FLIGHT COMMUNICATION UNIT													
OASLA*	66	72	83	83	88	84	79	81	80	77	73	75	
T	960	571	571	571	240	480	960	807	960	960	960	960	
U-31R EAR PLUGS													
OASLA*	56	63	71	72	75	74	68	71	69	66	63	63	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
MINIMUM GPL EAR MUFFS													
OASLA*	64	70	83	82	87	84	79	79	77	76	72	76	
T	960	571	679	679	285	480	960	960	960	960	960	960	
COMMUNICATION													
PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)													
PSIL	71	72	84	80	85	89	79	83	83	81	78	76	
ANNOYANCE													
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PHNB)													
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)													
PNLT	93	97	109	108	113	112	106	108	107	104	100	102	
C	2	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	

* BASED ON CALCULATED SPL SPECTRUM UNDER PROTECTIVE DEVICE.

TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE												IDENTIFICATION:	
3												OMEGA 3.2	
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:												TEST B2-082-001	
C-12A												RUN 02	
IN-FLIGHT CREW NOISE												15 JUL 82	
												PAGE 142	
LOCATION/CONDITION													
1/J	1/K	1/L	1/M	1/N	2/N	3/N	4/N	5/N	1/O	1/P	3/P	1/Q	
HAZARD/PROTECTION													
C-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLC IN DB) AT EAR													
A-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLA IN DB) AT EAR													
MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE TIME (T IN MINUTES) FOR ONE EXPOSURE PER DAY (AFR 161-35, JULY 73)													
NO PROTECTION													
OASLC	99	96	97	100	103	100	98	97	103	101	103	98	
OASLA	90	87	86	91	95	93	91	86	95	90	90	89	
T	170	283	339	143	71	101	143	339	71	170	170	202	
H-137 IN-FLIGHT COMMUNICATION UNIT													
OASLA*	79	76	76	79	82	79	76	75	82	80	82	76	
T	960	960	960	960	679	960	960	960	679	960	679	960	
U-SIR EAR PLUGS													
OASLA*	69	66	65	70	73	70	68	64	73	69	69	66	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
MINIMUM OPL EAR MUFFS													
OASLA*	77	73	74	77	80	77	75	75	80	78	81	75	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	807	960	
COMMUNICATION													
PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)													
PSIL	81	79	78	82	90	87	83	78	89	82	81	82	
ANNNOYANCE													
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNDB)													
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)													
PNLT	106	102	101	106	111	108	104	102	110	105	106	103	
C	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	

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NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: (OPERATION:)													TEST BZ-082-001
C-12A ()													RUN 03
IN-FLIGHT CREW NOISE ()													15 JUL 82
()													PAGE H3
()													
LOCATION/CONDITION													
1/R	2/R	3/R	4/R	5/R	1/S	1/T	1/U	1/V	1/W	1/X	1/Y		
HAZARD/PROTECTION													
C-WEIGHTED OVERALL SOUND LEVEL (OASLC IN DBC) AT EAR													
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OASLA	95	90	91	89	89	94	91	89	80	89	89	91	
T	71	170	143	202	202	85	143	202	960	202	202	143	
H-157 IN-FLIGHT COMMUNICATION UNIT													
OASLC	83	79	79	80	80	82	82	79	68	80	77	78	
T	571	960	960	960	960	679	679	960	960	960	960	960	
U-51R EAR PLUGS													
OASLC	73	69	69	67	67	73	70	68	59	68	68	69	
T	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	960	
MINIMUM SPL EAR MUFFS													
OASLC	81	78	79	80	79	81	82	78	67	80	76	77	
T	907	960	960	960	960	907	679	960	960	960	960	960	
COMMUNICATION													
PREFERRED SPEECH INTERFERENCE LEVEL (PSIL IN DB)													
PSIL	90	83	83	80	81	84	83	81	73	79	80	86	
ANNNOYANCE													
PERCEIVED NOISE LEVEL, TONE CORRECTED (PNLT IN PNDB)													
TONE CORRECTION (C IN DB)													
PNLT	111	106	106	107	106	109	108	104	94	106	103	105	
C	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	

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